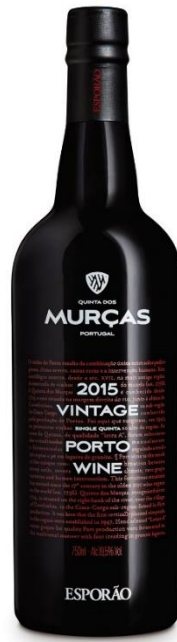


Quinta dos Murças Vintage 2015 wins Trophy at the IWC, platinum at Decanter World Wine Awards and Gold at Concours Mondial Bruxelles



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The Port wine [Quinta dos Murças Vintage 2015](#) recently won important awards in three prestigious international competitions: the Vintage Port Trophy – Gold/97 points at the 34th edition of the International Wine Challenge (IWC), a Platinum medal at the Decanter World Wine Awards 2018 and Gold medal at the Concours Mondial Bruxelles.

With only 3500 litres produced, the Quinta dos Murças Vintage 2015 is a blend of the Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Sousão and Tinta Roriz grape varieties, which grow in old vines on the banks of the Douro River which, due to their low altitude and south-facing exposure, provide grapes that are extremely concentrated and ripe.

At the International Wine Challenge, which is recognised as one of the most rigorous wine competitions in the world, wines are evaluated in blind tastings, according to vintage and region. Throughout the strict tasting processes, each award-winning wine is tasted on three different occasions by at least 10 judges. The wines that receive gold medals are tasted once again, progressing to a trophy round, in a new blind tasting.

The Decanter World Wine Awards, a competition organised by the prestigious English Decanter Magazine, gathers more than 200 wine experts, including Masters of Wine and Master Sommeliers. Platinum medals are granted to the best wines in the competition's gold category, namely wines that receive more than 95 points.

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This year, the 25th edition of the Mondial Bruxelles competition took place in Beijing. More than 9000 samples were tasted, among which 1062 were Portuguese wines. The international jury panel granted Silver, Gold and Grand Gold medals to wines that stood out in the tastings.

About Esporão's Quinta dos Murças:

Dating back to 1714, Quinta dos Murças is located in northern Portugal, in the Cima-Corgo sub-region of the Douro, on the right bank of the Douro River, between the towns of Régua and Pinhão, nearly two hours drive east of Porto. Stretching over half a mile along the riverfront, mainly with southern exposure, Quinta dos Murças encompasses a total area of 155 hectares, 48 of which are vineyards planted with indigenous varieties, and where the first vertical vineyard was planted in the Douro in 1947.

Quinta dos Murças is a unique estate characterized by its 8 diverse terroirs, which are distinguished by different altitudes, exposures, variations of schist soils and vertical vineyards. In addition to the vineyards, the olive, orange and almond trees and the surrounding forest support biodiversity and promote the balance of the local ecosystem. The region's extreme climate and terrain, the agricultural practices respecting nature and the different winemaking processes emphasize the true character of the fruit, resulting in concentrated, elegant and fresh terroir-driven wines.

Quinta dos Murças produces wines, such as Assobio DOC Douro and the Quinta dos Murças range - Quinta dos Murças Minas, Quinta dos Murças Margem, Quinta dos Murças VV47, Quinta dos Murças Reserva, Quinta dos Murças Porto Tawny 10 anos, Quinta dos Murças Porto Vintage 2011 and Quinta dos Murças extra-virgin olive oil.

About Esporão: Founded in 1973 by José Roquette and Joaquim Bandeira, Esporão is one of the leading wine companies in Portugal. Playing a predominant role in the national and international projection of Alentejo, Esporão has also become an ambassador of Portuguese culture, developing its activities in a sustainable manner and building close relationships with clients and consumers all over the world.

Esporão operates in the Alentejo region, where it produces iconic wines such as Esporão Reserva and Monte Velho, as well as extra virgin olive oils. Herdade do Esporão's Wine Tourism is part of the wineries. To ensure continuity of the Esporão project, the group includes Quinta dos Murças, an estate in the Douro region that produced terroir wines with the Esporão quality guarantee.

Esporão products are sold in all types of shops and restaurants in more than 50 countries worldwide. Esporão's holistic approach to implementing a wide range of innovative sustainable practices has led to national and international recognition, including the prestigious "Sustainability of the year award" at the "The Drinks Business Green Awards 2013". In 2014, Esporão won the "European Business Awards for the Environment" in the category "Products & Services".

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